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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment (marked-up copy attached):

IN THE SPECIFICATION

A courtesy copy of the present specification is enclosed herewith. However, the World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO) copy should be relied upon if it is already in the U.S. Patent Office.

IN THE CLAIMS

**Please amend the following claims:**

6. (Amended) The method for driving a liquid crystal display device according to claim 3, wherein when it is judged that the first period needs to be set, a voltage  $V_{sup}$  to be applied in a next frame is set to be of a level not less than a voltage  $V_{sup}$  applied in an immediately preceding frame, while when it is judged that the first period does not need to be set, a voltage  $V_{sup}$  to be applied in a next frame is set to be of a level not more than a voltage  $V_{sup}$  applied in an immediately preceding frame.

8. (Amended) The method for driving a liquid crystal display device according to claim 3, wherein when it is judged that the first period needs to be set, a first period to be set in a next frame is set to be not less than a length of a first period set in an immediately preceding frame, while when it is judged that the first period does not need to be set, a first period to be set in a next frame is set to be not more than a length of a first period set in an immediately preceding frame.

**Please add the following new claims:**

21. (New) The method for driving a liquid crystal display device according to claim 4, wherein when it is judged that the first period needs to be set, a voltage  $V_{sup}$  to be applied in a next frame is set to be of a level not less than a voltage  $V_{sup}$  applied in an immediately preceding frame, while when it is judged that the first period does not need to be set, a voltage  $V_{sup}$  to be applied in a next frame is

set to be of a level not more than a voltage  $V_{sup}$  applied in an immediately preceding frame.

22. (New) The method for driving a liquid crystal display device according to claim 4, wherein when it is judged that the first period needs to be set, a first period to be set in a next frame is set to be not less than a length of a first period set in an immediately preceding frame, while when it is judged that the first period does not need to be set, a first period to be set in a next frame is set to be not more than a length of a first period set in an immediately preceding frame.

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 6 and 8.

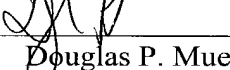
Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300), at (612) 371.5237.

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6. (Amended) The method for driving a liquid crystal display device according to claim 3 [or 4], wherein when it is judged that the first period needs to be set, a voltage  $V_{sup}$  to be applied in a next frame is set to be of a level not less than a voltage  $V_{sup}$  applied in an immediately preceding frame, while when it is judged that the first period does not need to be set, a voltage  $V_{sup}$  to be applied in a next frame is set to be of a level not more than a voltage  $V_{sup}$  applied in an immediately preceding frame.

8. (Amended) The method for driving a liquid crystal display device according to claim 3 [or 4], wherein when it is judged that the first period needs to be set, a first period to be set in a next frame is set to be not less than a length of a first period set in an immediately preceding frame, while when it is judged that the first period does not need to be set, a first period to be set in a next frame is set to be not more than a length of a first period set in an immediately preceding frame.